

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

13th August 2017

Rock the Boat



What gives you that sinking feeling? What is it that you are most afraid of? Could it be starting a new job or a new relationship? Could it be public speaking, confrontation, ridicule, illness, failure, rejection or death? There's no doubt about it, life is a big tumultuous sea full of hidden dangers. Is it any wonder we seek to carve a little niche in which to tuck ourselves away and live life safely.

In today's gospel, Peter displays some odd behaviour. The disciples have gone ahead of Jesus and are sitting alone in a small fishing boat. Suddenly a storm brews up and the disciples are terrified for their lives. Just then, Jesus walks over the water telling them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Surely any of us at this point would have decided to sit tight and wait to be rescued. Not Peter! Peter scrambles out of the boat and begins in all faith to walk towards Jesus. The great news is that when Peter suddenly got frightened and his faith faltered, Jesus was there with a strong arm to hold him up.

Just as Jesus called Peter from the boat, so Jesus calls us over life's storms. What is it we might venture to do? We might venture to change our jobs for something more worthwhile. We might venture to take on some kind of voluntary role that we might not previously have considered, or initiate a local community project a global one even! We might think it makes more sense to stick to what we know, but if Peter hadn't have obeyed the call to walk on water he might never have had the great opportunity to experience God's life changing support. So too if we spend our lives splashing around in the shallows, we are in danger of missing the opportunity to truly recognise God and so deepen our faith.



PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: there will be Mass at 10am and 7:30pm on Tuesday 15th August here to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
There is a 10 o'clock Mass each morning at St John's.

LEARNING ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN: If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about faith either because you want to refresh your understanding or you may be interested in joining the church, please fill in one of the forms from the stand by the church door and leave it in the sacristy. Sr Miriam will be in touch with you at the end of August.

BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, 26th August is the annual pilgrimage to Mt. St. Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire in honour of Blessed Tansi. Coach seats (£20 adults; £10. Children) can be reserved with payment. Contacts: Lydia Willoughby (+447903458986), Antoinette Kamara or Josephine Onwuka.

PARISH WEBSITE: Thanks to Valentine Nzekwe our website (www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet) has been updated. It now includes our weekly newsletter, so if you are away, you can still find out the parish news. Have a look and share any ideas with Valentine.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes £177.17, loose plate £179.16 Thank you for your generosity.

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS

'We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC claiming back all Planned Giving donations for 2016/17, if you have not paid any tax for the year 2016/17 please e-mail me, oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk ASAP'.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Ronald Rowley, Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee, Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams) & James Daly **who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes & Josephine Onwuka (knee surgery).

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 13 th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.114)	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP Intentions of Charlie Skillett
Monday 14 th August	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Tuesday 15 th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.30am 7:30pm	Intentions of Phuong Maria Quach, Maria Khah Quach. Emilio Tirado (RIP)
Wednesday 16 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Saturday 19 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 20 th August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.116)	8.30am 11.00am	Bridie Rynne (RIP) Fr John Hai Pham (RIP)

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm